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CLAIM SET AS AMENDED:

1. (Currently Amended) A remote lock operation apparatus for a light vehicle having no cabin, comprising:

a portable infrared transmitter;

an infrared receiver capable of receiving an infrared signal emitted from said infrared transmitter;

a lock actuator capable of locking and unlocking a lock mechanism incorporated in a vehicle body; and

a control apparatus for controlling operation of said lock actuator based on the infrared signal received by said infrared receiver; and

a mounting panel fixed at fixed location on a handle bar or a steering shaft and extending upwardly in a forwardly upwardly inclined state on a front side of a central portion of the handle bar,

wherein said infrared receiver is disposed in a position higher than the seat at the center of a vehicle body front half portion in a vehicle widthwise direction on said mounting panel with a reception face thereof directed rearwardly, and is placed at a height at which reception of an infrared signal emitted from rearwardly is not disturbed by a vehicle accessory or a vehicle body rear portion on the rear side with respect to said receiver.

2. (Original) The remote lock operation apparatus for a light vehicle of claim 1, wherein said locking mechanism further comprises a handle locking mechanism, a seat locking mechanism, and a stand locking mechanism.

3. (Original) The remote lock operation apparatus for a light vehicle of claim 1, wherein said locking mechanism further comprises a handle locking mechanism, a seat locking mechanism, and a wheel locking mechanism.

4. (Currently Amended) A remote lock operation apparatus for a light vehicle having a bar handle connected to an upper end portion of a steering shaft for steering a front wheel ~~and an inner cover fixed to a vehicle body front portion for covering the rear side of said steering shaft below said bar handle~~ but not having a cabin, comprising:

a portable infrared transmitter;

an infrared receiver capable of receiving an infrared signal emitted from said infrared transmitter;

a lock actuator capable of locking and unlocking a lock mechanism incorporated in a vehicle body; and

a control apparatus for controlling operation of said lock actuator based on the infrared signal received by said infrared receiver; and

an inner cover fixed to a vehicle body front portion for covering the rear side of said steering shaft in a position which is below a handle cover,

~~wherein~~ said infrared receiver is being disposed in a position higher than the seat on a rear face of said inner cover so as to be protected from the sun by said handle cover.

5. (Currently Amended) The remote lock operation apparatus for a light vehicle of claim 4, ~~further comprising~~ wherein the inner cover is formed with a pair of concave face ~~faces~~ hollow to the front side of said vehicle body and a central swollen portion, ~~or an inclined face~~ the concave faces and the central swollen portion being inclined rearwardly downwards formed on the rear face of said inner cover, wherein said infrared receiver is provided on one of said concave ~~face~~ faces or said ~~inclined face~~ central swollen portion.

6. (Original) The remote lock operation apparatus for a light vehicle of claim 4, wherein said locking mechanism further comprises a handle locking mechanism, a seat locking mechanism, and a stand locking mechanism.

7. (Currently Amended) A remote lock operation apparatus for a light vehicle without a cabin and having a bar handle for steering a front wheel and a handle cover for covering a central portion of said bar handle are disposed on the front side and on the upper side with respect to a seat, comprising:

a portable infrared transmitter;

an infrared receiver capable of receiving an infrared signal emitted from said infrared transmitter;

a lock actuator capable of locking and unlocking a lock mechanism incorporated in a vehicle body; and

a control apparatus for controlling operation of said lock actuator based on the infrared signal received by said infrared receiver,

wherein said infrared receiver is disposed in a position higher than the seat on a lower rear portion outer face of said handle cover which is inclined rearwardly downwards so as to avoid a likelihood of exposure to direct sun rays, thereby effectively suppressing a signal to noise ratio of the receiver.

8. (Original) The remote lock operation apparatus for a light vehicle of claim 7, wherein said locking mechanism further comprises a handle locking mechanism, a seat locking mechanism, and a stand locking mechanism.

9. (New) The remote lock operation apparatus for a light vehicle of claim 5, further comprising a flat mounting face formed at a lower portion of one of the pair of concave faces, and the receiver is mounted on the flat mounting face.